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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is described and claimed in patent number 5,687,767, granted November 18, 1997, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled UNI-DIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE, the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on November 8, 2001 as reissue application number 09/986,346 as a continuation of Reissue Application Number 09/442,082. This application 09/986,346 has been amended by an Amendment that accompanies the submission of this Supplemental Reissue Declaration.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
9515986	United Kingdom	July 26, 1996	Yes

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09/442,082	November 15, 1999	Pending

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